

GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

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Dear Special Education Teachers

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, has been proclaimed "Special Kids' Day" at the County Fair in recognition of the children in our community with special needs. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all schools and facilities in charge of children with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities to attend the fair. The schedule of events, **tentatively**, is as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Check-in and bus parking. Visit the animal exhibits, face painting, buckets of bubbles, fishing and treasure hunt.
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	RODEO – brought to you by the <i>Rodeo Committee</i> and <i>Hat Brand Rodeo Company</i>
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Lunch & Beverage will be provided for STUDENTS ONLY
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Carnival Rides and games provided by <i>Merrian Midway Shows</i> . Ride the hayrides! Visit the animal exhibits, face painting, buckets of bubbles, fishing, and treasure hunt.

We are so excited to bring the "Special Kids' Day" event back and hope that you will be able to join us in **2026**. Reminder: Picnic tables are limited, so bring a blanket or two for your kids to enjoy their picnic lunch. Hot dogs, chips, and a drink will be provided. If your students have special diets, they are required to provide their own lunch. Please have these items labeled for your students.

Buses will need to turn on Jack Brooks Road and enter the parking lot and will unload buses at the Livestock Gate. Automobiles will need to turn on to Jack Brooks Road and enter the parking lot to the right. Only the student guests with special needs will receive tickets for the rides and games.

In order to provide the maximum experience for our GCF&R guests with special needs, registration forms will only be accepted from classes with students in PPCD, Self Contained Classroom, Life Skills/Functional Living, behavior units and adult residential and respite care programs. Special Kids' Day is a very important day during the week of the Fair and we are looking forward to greeting your students. Please feel free to pass this information on to other teachers who meet the above criteria. The registration deadline is **March 12, 2026**. **Please complete the fillable registration form and return to us at gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com. It is important that we received your registration by the deadline in order to better prepare for your day.** Confirmation of your registration will be emailed, so be sure to add us to your email address book and check your spam folder in case. Please note: If your school will not be attending this event, parents are more than welcome to bring their child out for this day.

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at (409) 986-6010, email us at gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.galvestoncountyfair.com.

Sincerely,

Misty Cruse-Mueller

Misty Cruse-Mueller, Co-Chairperson
Schools Day Committee

Helen Mueller

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SPECIAL KIDS' DAY REGISTRATION FORM ONE CLASS PER REGISTRATION FORM TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

SCHOOL: _____

DISTRICT: _____

TEACHER OR CONTACT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING: _____ NUMBER OF CHAPERONES: _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN CARNIVAL RIDES: _____

WOULD YOU MLIKE TO HAVE A STUDENT VOLUNTEER HELPER? _____ YES _____ NO

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Please complete this fillable form and return by email to: gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com

OR MAIL TO: **GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO**
Attention: Special Kids' Day
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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MARCH 12, 2026

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